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SUBJECT: POLAND AND LIBYA SIGN NEW TECHNICAL PROTOCOL

1. POLISH MINISTER OF LOCAL ECONOMY, ADMINISTRATION AND ENVIRONMENT, MRS. MARIA MILCZAREK, ROUNDED OUT HER RECENT VISIT TO LIBYA BY SIGNING A PROTOCOL CALLING FOR EXTENSIVE COOPERATION IN THE SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL FIELDS JUNE 3. PROTOCOL WAS SIGNED BY MRS. MILCZAREK AND LIBYAN MUNICIPALITIES SECRETARY ABU ZAYD UMAR DURDA. PRESS REPORTS ALSO MENTION THAT A POLISH-LIBYAN FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY WILL BE ESTABLISHED.

2. PROTOCOL AS ANNOUNCED ON TRIPOLI RADIO IS UNUSUALLY DETAILED AND PRESAGES FURTHER INCREASE IN ALREADY SIGNIFICANT POLISH COMMERCIAL PRESENCE IN LIBYA. FOR INSTANCE, PROTOCOL CALLS ON POLAND TO PROVIDE TENDERS FOR TECHNICAL STUDIES, PLANNING SCHEDULES AND EVALUATIONS FOR PUBLIC UTILITIES PROJECTS IN SEVERAL LIBYAN TOWNS AND VILLAGES. THESE TOWNS WILL BE SPECIFIED WITHIN ONE MONTH. BOTH SIDES WILL ALSO CONSIDER ESTABLISHING A JOINT VENTURE COMPANY TO PLAN AND EXECUTE PROJECTS IN THE MUNICIPALITIES SECTOR.

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3. PROTOCOL IS ALSO CONCERNED WITH TRAINING AND THE PROVISION OF SKILLED POLISH WORKERS TO ASSIST IN DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS. NOT ONLY DOES POLAND AGREE TO TRAIN AN UNSPECIFIED NUMBER OF LIBYANS IN DATA PROCESSING AND SURVEYING, BUT PROTOCOL FURTHER MENTIONS THAT LIBYA REQUESTED 139 POLISH ENGINEERS TO HELP IN THE MUNICIPALITIES SECTOR, AND THAT POLAND HAS AGREED TO "DELEGATE 40 ENGINEERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITS

CAPACITY IN 1978."

- 4. ALTHOUGH NO DETAILS ARE GIVEN, THE PROTOCOL BRIEFLY NOTES COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES IN THE FIELD OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION. THE POLISH SIDE WILL PRESENT A PROPOSAL FOR "THE RESEARCH SYSTEM" IN THE FIELD OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND CONTROL, INCLUDING THE SPECIFICATIONS OF THE SYSTEM. THE LIBYAN SIDE WILL CHOOSE THE SUBJECTS IN THE FIELD OF ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH WHICH "CONCERN IT," AND THE POLISH SIDE WILL THEN SUBMIT TENDERS IN THIS RESPECT.
- 5. PROTOCOL FURTHER PROVIDES FOR SERIES OF EXCHANGES BY MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS AND TECHNICIANS WORKING IN THE FIELDS COVERED BY THE ACCORD. DUE TO THE SCOPE OF THIS AGREEMENT, THE TWO SIDES AGREED TO MEET IN WARSAW IN 1979 TO PREPARE THE DRAFT PROGRAM FOR 1980.
- 6. COMMENT. THIS PROTOCOL SHOULD INSURE THAT POLAND'S ALREADY SIGNIFICANT INVOLVEMENT IN LIBYA'S VAST DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM CONTINUES TO GROW IN THE COMING DECADE. CARLE

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